celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, October 2, as the International Day of Non-Violence. Indian Missions abroad will celebrate Gandhi Jayanti in a special manner to mark the first observance of the International Day of Non-Violence on October 2,2007. These celebrations will involve friends interested in Mahatma Gandhi and his message of peace, truth and non-violence. Special commemoration activities are also being organised on October 2, 2007 at the United Nations in New York to observe this historic occasion.

Registration of case by CBI for re-routing international calls as local calls

*174. SHRI UDAYPRATAP SINGH:
SHRI VIRENDRA BHATIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI had registered a case against the officials of erstwhile Reliance Infocom in September 2006 regarding rerouting of international calls as local, which caused extensive loss of revenue to Government; and

(b) the status of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from CBI, the investigation of the case has not been completed as on date and CBI is making all efforts to complete the investigation at the earliest. It is not possible to define any time limit for completion of the investigation.

Population living on borders

†*175. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China in an agreement had agreed two years ago that both the countries would protect the interests of their population settled in the border areas while sorting out the solution of border dispute;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China is now backing out of its said promise; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps being taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (c) The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the People's Republic of China signed the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question in New

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Delhi on April 11, 2005. Article VII of this Agreement states, "In reaching a boundary settlement, the two sides shall safeguard due interests of their settled populations in the border areas."

The Special Representatives are exploring the framework for a final package settlement covering all sectors of the India-China boundary on the basis of this Agreement. There have been ten meetings of the Special Representatives so far. Both sides have agreed to hold the next (eleventh) round of talks between the Special Representatives at a mutually convenient time, to be decided through diplomatic channels.

Takeover of Singareni Collieries

*176 SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has proposed to takeover Singareni Collieries as part of its move to form National Coal Grid;

(b) whether any help or cooperation is sought from the foreign companies or institutions in the formation of National Coal Grid;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the share of the Centre in the Singareni Collieries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b).

(d) The share of Central Government in Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is 49 %.

Non-performing contractors

*177. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has black-listed more than 20 domestic and foreign companies and put them in "non-performing" list for dragging Golden Quadrilateral Highways projects;

(b) if so, the names of such firms and the projects delayed by each of them;

(c) whether Government are also considering imposing penalty on non-performing contractors; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?